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TRAVEL PLAN MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR HELENA AREA

BUTTE - (November 17, 2004) – The Bureau of Land Management – Butte Field Office will host public meetings to discuss criteria for travel planning on public lands; these criteria are currently being developed as part of the Resource Management Plan (RMP). The public meetings will be tailored to discuss travel planning criteria in three areas near Helena and are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, November 30, North Hills Area, West Valley Volunteer Fire
 Department, 1165 Forestvale, Helena, 7 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 1, Scratchgravel Hills, West Valley Volunteer Fire
 Department, 1165 Forestvale, Helena, 7 9 p.m.
- Thursday, December 2, Marysville Area, West Valley Volunteer Fire
 Department, 1165 Forestvale, Helena, 7 9 p.m.

The RMP will identify goals and objectives for the management of resources, and identifies the general management practices necessary to achieve desired conditions within the Butte Field Office over the next 10 to 15 years. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared at the same time to investigate the impacts of the proposed plan and alternatives.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Krause, BLM Public Affairs Officer, at (406) 533-7617 or visit the RMP website at http://www.mt.blm.gov/bdo/.